

WASHINGTON STATE

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS OFFICER

MONTHLY REPORT

February 2004

CATEGORY	FEB 2004	FEB 2003	YTD 04	YTD 03
CSEPP INCIDENTS	3	2	6	4
DOE INCIDENTS	0	1	0	2
FIRE	6	13	15	23
HAZMAT	127	104	278	257
OTHER	23	14	44	39
911 OUTAGES	1	1	3	4
SAR	31	41	75	74
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
WEATHER	9	3	13	7
CGS INCIDENTS	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	200	179	434	410

LEGEND

CSEPP	Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program
DOE	Department of Energy, Hanford Site
SAR	Search and Rescue Missions
HAZMAT	Hazardous Materials Incidents
WEATHER	Weather Incidents (throughout state, i.e., Flood, High Winds, and Snow)
CGS	Columbia Generating Station
FIRE	Forest Fire Incidents
OTHER	This category includes a wide variety of incidents, i.e., Tsunami, Earthquake, Critical Incident Stress Debriefings, Bomb Threat, etc...
911	911 Service Outages

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- On February 6, the State Emergency Operations officer issued an AMBER Alert to support the search for a 15 year-old girl abducted in Paso Robles, California. Authorities reported the child and her abductor believed to be traveling through Washington State while en route to Canada. Within two hours of the Amber alert message being issued, an observant citizen identified the suspect's vehicle and notified the police. The suspect was apprehended and taken into custody by the Washington State Patrol.

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- On February 8, a search was conducted in Walla Walla County for a missing 76 year-old male off Touchet North Road. Helicopter support was coordinated from the Oregon National Guard. The subject was located deceased on the evening of February 9.
 - On February 17, a letter containing white powder was received at the Department of Corrections office in Olympia. A portion of the building was evacuated as a precaution. The Washington State National Guard's 10th Civil Support Team deployed to conduct an initial on-site analysis and determined the material to be corn starch. The substance was subsequently further sent to the state health lab for confirmation.
 - On February 29, a National Guard soldier at Umatilla Depot was transported to hospital for evaluation after experiencing chest pains.
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- For the month of February the SEOO's:
 - Issued 30 warnings to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Issued 1 warnings to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Conducted 225 notifications to state agency liaisons for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Coordinated 3 resources for search, rescue, recovery and response operations
 - Participated in 26 exercises of which 23 were vessel spill drills
 - Made 1222 and answered 867 telephone calls
 - Conducted 1457 National Warning System Tests, conducted 232 Comprehensive Emergency Management Network (CEMNET) radio tests. (connects all counties and many cities via Zetron Radio Console)
 - Conducted 57 dedicated line tests with the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP)
 - Conducted 4 dedicated line tests with the Department of Energy, Hanford Site (DOE)

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- Conducted 5 dedicated line tests with the Columbia Generating Station (CGS)
- Conducted 46 down wind trajectory connectivity communications tests with the Umatilla Military Storage Depot (D2PUFF)